

Department of Planning and Budget

2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1834

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Anderson

3. Committee: Committee for Courts of Justice

4. Title: Distracted driving; penalty.

5. Summary: This bill expands the prohibition on manually entering multiple letters or text in a handheld communications device while operating a motor vehicle to also prohibit the manual selection of multiple icons and removes the condition that such manual entry is prohibited only if performed as a means of communicating with another person. The bill prohibits the operator of a motor vehicle from reading any information displayed on the device; current law prohibits reading an email or text message. The bill provides that this prohibition does not apply to reading any information displayed through the use of a global position system for the purposes of navigation. The bill eliminates the current exemption from the prohibition on using a handheld personal communications device while operating a motor vehicle when the vehicle is stopped or not moving; the current exemption from the prohibition when the vehicle is parked is not affected. A violation of this section is a traffic infraction with a mandatory minimum fine of \$250.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Indeterminate, See Item 8

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Fiscal Impact Estimates Are Not Available

8. Fiscal Implications: Although this legislation could have a positive revenue impact from fines associated with additional convictions, it is impossible to determine the extent of the impact at this time. Any possible fine revenue derived from this legislation will be deposited in the Literary Fund.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia's judicial system; law enforcement agencies.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None